

## House Resolution No. 1802

**Whereas**, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, St. Vincent Elementary School in Perryville, Missouri, is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Principal Bob Rousseau who has devoted forty-four years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

**Whereas**, Bob Rousseau has taught for forty-four years at St. Vincent, where he is held in high esteem for his overall competence and successful leadership; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Bob Rousseau commenced his career at St. Vincent as a replacement teacher, worked as a fifth grade teacher for twenty years, became an eighth grade homeroom teacher and math instructor for sixth through eighth grades, and in 1980 assumed the responsibilities of Principal at St. Vincent Middle School, a position he held until the new elementary school was constructed and he was named Principal of St. Vincent Elementary School; and

**Whereas**, Bob Rousseau attended St. Vincent College Prep Seminary in Cape Girardeau for one year and St. Mary's Seminary in Perryville for more than three years prior to earning a Bachelor's degree in education at Southeast Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of St. Vincent fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Bob Rousseau; and

**Whereas**, Bob Rousseau has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Carol Rousseau, who is a part-time librarian at St. Vincent Elementary School; three children, Kevin Rousseau of Perryville, Stacey Thurman of St. Peters, and Terry Rousseau of Albuquerque; and three grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join St. Vincent Elementary School in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Bob Rousseau has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves with ample opportunity to tinker on his farm and spend more time with his loved ones; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Principal Bob Rousseau, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Scott A. Lipke  
District No. 157

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1802, adopted April 19, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker